



Stó:lō Service Agency (SSA) – Performance Report

October to December, 2016

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

- ❖ Invited to represent our communities at a Pan-Canadian Dialogue in Ottawa which was quite significant as we were one of two BC representatives' (Dr Margo Greenwood National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health and SSA ECD Manager) to participate. The participants had the unique opportunity to dialogue with Jean Yves Duclos, Minister of families Children and Social Development. The topics addressed were: Early Learning Framework and the existing early year's services in Canada; Poverty reduction and food security; Cultural integrity of indigenous children; Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and overall impacts within our communities/territories; Cultural relevancy and or safety; Appropriate infrastructures; and Importance of early years data, researchers.
- ❖ Partnered with ECD Early Years leadership group located in the Abbotsford area. Collaboration for short and long term visioning and the importance of culturally appropriate/awareness in programming within the Abbotsford Early Childhood Years.
- ❖ Funding was provided from the Provincial Early Years Office and the Ministry of Education to engage key partners such as school districts, health authorities, Strong starts, and community based partners to address the success of children entering Kindergarten. The ECD Manager addressed the importance of appropriate engagement and understanding in relation to the early years planning and how it relates to our people. The province is working upon a strategic process to establish relationships and or advisement with First Nation communities, agencies, stakeholders, etc.
- ❖ Kindergarten Readiness meeting held with Brenda Point, Aboriginal Principal for School District of Chilliwack to facilitate an "Open House" for all aboriginal children and their families. Families will have the opportunity to learn and or register their child for kindergarten. The staff will be able to take families for a visit to their children's new school to support the transition.
- ❖ Partnering with the SSA Family Empowerment Program to deliver a traditional parenting workshop.
- ❖ Received grant funding from Chilliwack Learning Society to deliver a culturally relevant literacy program (Aboriginal Parents as Literacy Support Program) for January 2017.
- ❖ In spite of the huge snowfall, we managed to host the annual Centre Christmas dinner for our families at Tzeachten Hall. Inez Point was our MC for the magical evening filled with over 179 participants.





- ❖ Received \$10,000 from First Nations Health Authority Aboriginal Head start On-reserve-social infrastructure project to install carpet, painting upgrades, creation of a hallway for adequate access to two ECD programs.



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (FAD)

CLIENT SERVICE NAVIGATION

- ❖ Served 29 clients from October to December 2016
- ❖ 11% on-reserve and 89% off reserve
- ❖ 15% were Stó:lō Member Bands /85% Non-Stó:lō Service Agency Registered Bands
- ❖ 34% female/ 66% male
- ❖ 28% under 18 years old / 48% 19-44 years old/ 17% 45-64 years/ 7% older than 65 years
- ❖ 21% presented with housing/homelessness issues
- ❖ 66 % required mental health supports/counselling
- ❖ 24% required medical intervention from doctor or dentist
- ❖ 31% required intervention with Social Assistance on/off reserve
- ❖ 55% required drug and alcohol rehab supports
- ❖ In a process of developing resource guides and support systems, as well as operational protocols. Amy Guilker, a volunteer, is working with client navigation to help compile this guide.
- ❖ The drop-in Youth Clinic held a draw for a Samsung Tablet, and the winner was Jenna Sepass.





EVENTS

STÓ:LŌ COMEDY NIGHT

In October, hosted the 4th Annual Comedy Night at Tzeachten Community Hall to raise funds for the Stó:lō Christmas Hampers. Comedians Deb Silber, Samantha Kaji, Marlene Swidinski, Wayne Alexis, Helena Paul and Dustin Hollings put on a great evening of laughter. There were 220 people in attendance and \$650.00 was raised for the Stó:lō Christmas Hampers.



STÓ:LŌ CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Stó:lō Service Agency Christmas party was held at Tzeachten Community Hall and was open to all staff and member Bands Chief and Council. This year the Christmas party boasted over 300 people and included 32 staff recognition awards. As always, the Christmas Party was a huge success with \$1,903 raised for the Stó:lō Christmas Hampers through a variety of raffle draws.



Executive Director, Willy Hall receiving his 25 years of service award from SSA Board members, Sharron Young, Cameron Clark, Mike Bellegarde and Angela Kermer





- ❖ 32 FAD Hamper Delivery: Skowkale (4), Yakweakwioose (2), Shxwhá:y Village (5), Tzeachten (4), Squiala (4), Aitchelitz (3), Scowlitz (1), Seabird (1), Kwawkwawaplit (1), Soowahlie (1), Skwah (1) and Other (5).

FINANCE

- ❖ From October to December our benefits plan review was completed by Aon Hewitt. After they presented their findings it was determined there was no added value in making a change from our current provider, Eagle Bay Financial.
- ❖ The Stó:lō Finance Officers Association (SFOA) met on October 6th with a presentation from INAC on Comprehensive Community Planning and the Mentorship Initiative. There were 19 attendees present.
- ❖ The accounting software was updated from Quickbooks Pro to Quickbooks Enterprise for improved efficiency in transaction processing and reporting.

CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- ❖ Received quotes for the purchase of a new mail machine, opened new vendor accounts.
- ❖ Assisted departments [SSRMC & SASET] with the purchase of a new truck/van for their department.
- ❖ In Records Management there were 1172 new files created, 1320 files edited, 15 boxes created/closed, 27 boxes edited and 23 boxes were retrieved from the Record Centre.
- ❖ For IRA backup purposes the Records coordinator attended the Descheneaux Engagement Session in Vancouver, regarding new 'Sibling Law' effective February 3rd, 2017 - along with the Annual Northwest Tribal Enrollment Conference at Stillaguamish in Arlington, WA.
- ❖ Updated Finance forms to PDF on the N-drive.
- ❖ Reviewing current landline statement and meeting regarding updated proposal to lower the cost of the landline invoice.
- ❖ Set up community visits for the SSA Board meetings.

PROPERTY & CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Completion of keyscan to recently renovated buildings (3 portables, bldg 19 and bldg 26).
- ❖ Completion of Stó:lō Government House dedicated parking area.
- ❖ Completion of power outage generator for the server room and vaccine fridge.
- ❖ Added speed bumps to Pekw'xe:yles site in Mission.
- ❖ Continuing the redesign of the horticulture pond (filling in pond, removal of felled trees, and re-landscaping path and berms).
- ❖ Began the 'Everyone Welcome' centerpiece at the front of the Coqualeetza site.
- ❖ Completed structural projects related to Canada 150 project: Longhouse Extension Program (LEP) kitchen, Gift shop/LEP bldg.
- ❖ Continued to repurpose and renovate the newly vacated portables.
- ❖ 112 Property Maintenance Requests were submitted.





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ Completed setup of new storage and server hardware for migration from Windows Server 2008 R2 to Windows Server 2012 R2.
- ❖ Moved most of virtual servers onto new cluster system; remaining will be completed in early January 2017.
- ❖ Completed setup and testing of new Security Camera project on the main Coqualeetza site including the new license plate reader.
- ❖ Setup new version of backup, web filtering and antivirus software.
- ❖ Setup and tested new battery backup as well as backup generator which should significantly reduce future downtime due to unplanned power outages.
- ❖ Assisted Finance in migration of accounting systems to new server.
- ❖ Setup new multimedia workstations in Longhouse Extension Program-bldg 19.
- ❖ Setup 17 new desktop/laptop computers for various departments.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ❖ From October to December there were 9 job postings, 12 interviews, 10 new staff hired, 2 staff were terminated, 5 short-term disability applications, 4 pension and benefit enrollments, 3 WCB applications, 11 criminal record checks submitted, 4 staff disciplinary letters, 1 employee work plan/disciplinary review, and 1 new maternity leave.
- ❖ 3 pension and benefit staff information sessions.
- ❖ 2 new job descriptions were registered.
- ❖ 50 Consultation sessions with staff/supervisors.

INDIAN REGISTRY

- ❖ For October to December the Indian Registry program registered 9 births, 2 deaths, 1 transfer, 1 miscellaneous amendments, 92 data files entered and 79 Certificate of Indian Status/Secure Certificate of Indian status cards for the 14 associated Bands.
- ❖ Attended two information sessions where the topics of interest were adoption, children in care registration and issues surrounding dual enrolment.
- ❖ Assisted First Nation Health Authority in getting statistics for certain bands for age groups ranging from 0 to 65 years and over.



PROGRAMS

- ❖ The Nations Creations program started the Project Based Labour Market Training and the intake process was completed in October. There were 11 successful candidates of which 8 were first nations and 3 were from Stó:lō member Bands. Students completed the MTI Warehouse and Customer Service training as well as First Aide, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, and WHMIS Certificates. The program received the manufacturing equipment and it was set up in Building 2A. Nations Creations staff began training on the equipment and preparing for the Manufacturing portion of the program which will start in January.
- ❖ Income Assistance staff attended a three day policy conference hosted by INAC and had the opportunity to discuss policy with INAC staff.





HEALTH SERVICES (HS)

- ❖ Health Strategic Planning with Chief Maureen Chapman in November held at Skawahlook First Nation.
- ❖ 2nd set of Traditional Medicine Workshop with Dr. Jeanne Paul.
- ❖ Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill on October 20 with approximately 200 participants.
- ❖ Justice Institute of BC Training- Conducting Hazardous Risk Training for community members on Nov 1 and 2.
- ❖ ASIST Training on Nov 9 and 10 for Staff and Community with 18 participants.
- ❖ Self-Injury Training on Nov 16-17 for Staff and Community with 20 participants.
- ❖ Mental Health First Aid for Staff and Community on Dec 5-6 with 20 participants.
- ❖ Operations Meeting/Christmas Lunch for Health Staff on December 15.
- ❖ Visioning Day for the Primary Care Centre was held on December 16.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HOME CARE TEAM

- ❖ Needle Safety Awareness was sent to communities.
- ❖ Baby Time Drop in was held every Wednesday.
- ❖ 9 Flu Clinics were held at Stó:lō Health Services and in the member communities.
- ❖ New Health Nurse, Pauline Pigeau joined the Community Health Team.
- ❖ 15 year service celebrations for 3 Health Staff: Diane Kelly-Anderson, Leona Kelly, Deb Stewart.
- ❖ Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (ADI) events in 6 communities: Leq'a:mel, Sumas, Skowkale, Shxwha:y, Tzeachten and Soowahlie of which 36 clients attended and worked with the Nutritionist.
- ❖ Children's Oral Health initiative (COHI) held 12 clinics and the team worked closely with the Baby Time and Immunization Clinics.





SHXWT'AM:ETSTEL ABORIGINAL SUPPORTED CHILD DEVELOPMENT (ASCD) & ABORIGINAL INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AIDP)

- ❖ AIDP served approximately 60 families and ASCD provided services to 80 families. There was no waitlist for consultation.
- ❖ Outreach through group sessions and visits within the communities included:
 - “Lil Bears Playgroup” – A parent participation play group for parents and their caregivers to attend together. This group was well received with up to 12 families attending each session.
 - Annual Pancake Breakfast was a big hit with 24 present. Families were served a hot breakfast and extra Christmas presents were given to children along with extra take home treats for families.
 - “Family Wellness Group” was a success. Families especially enjoyed the couponing session and giveaways that were available in the October session.
 - Monthly Family Nights at Scowlitz First Nation are going well. Every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4 – 6 pm. There is a light dinner and lots of fun activities to do with children and their parents. Families enjoyed the Cooking Session in November and the Christmas Baking Session held in December.
 - First “Baby Time” Session held at Leq’a:mel First Nation in December. Plans to continue on a monthly basis are confirmed.
- ❖ Extra funding was received by the Mission Early Years Committee to support outreach projects and enhance current programming.





FAMILY EMPOWERMENT TEAM (FET)

- ❖ FET Strategic Planning and Color Code workshop was held in Harrison with facilitator, Zandra Ross.
- ❖ FET Day for staff and community partners with over 20 participants.



ABORIGINAL SUPPORT & CRISIS INTERVENTION RESPONSE TEAM (ASCIRT)

- ❖ Attended the Public Safety Expo with a resource table.
- ❖ Organized a Winter Solstice Community drop-in dinner and activities with 6 participants.
- ❖ Organized the training for staff and community (ASIST, Self-Injury, Mental Health First Aid).





MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- ❖ The team continued to work collaboratively with the Alternate Education Outreach Team to consult and advise on this program.
- ❖ The team has been meeting with a consultant to help complete the Youth Services Survey. The consultant has been instrumental at informing others of the impact of the program and gathering more support.
- ❖ The program hosted the 5th Annual Christmas dinner at the Neighborhood Learning Centre with approximately 100 people: youth, their families and our community partners.
- ❖ The Intensive Support and Resource Workers continued to have full caseloads with a waitlist. They were honoured to be blanketed and recognized by the Health Staff at the strategic planning meeting in Skawahlook.



QWI:QWELSTOM WELLNESS

- ❖ Skwah Health Fair (about 25 participants)
- ❖ Qwi:qwelstóm Day Treatment. 4-8 participants with 6 graduating from the program.
- ❖ Engaging Youth Through Photography (20 participants)
- ❖ Riverstone Life Style Balancing (3-13 participants)
- ❖ Temporary New staff hire for Qwi:qwelstóm Wellness Team- Connie Adams
- ❖ Neighborhood Learning Center, Breakfast meeting with Chilliwack Healthier Communities Addiction Presentations (50 participants)
- ❖ Sto:lo Elders Gathering (about 40 participants).





- ❖ Real Human Fraser East Project with LAT (2 participants for journey mapping).
- ❖ Naloxone Administration Training (5 Staff)
- ❖ After Care Alumni Support Group (aka Sober Life Alumni Team) (1-3 participants)



STO:LŌ ELDERS LODGE (SEL)

- ❖ Shake Out BC was conducted at the Elders Lodge.
- ❖ The Daycare children visited the Elders for Halloween.
- ❖ Milli Johansen has been doing Reiki every Wednesday for the Elders.
- ❖ The Elders attended the Movies at the Cottonwood Cinemas.
- ❖ Elders Lodge Christmas Dinner was held on December 16 with over 50 Elders, guests and Staff in attendance.





STO:LŌ ABORIGINAL SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (SASET)

- ❖ SASET celebrated the “official” opening of the Employment Centre at the Coqualeetza property located in building 5b. In spite of heavy rains, we had a great turn out and hope to host other open houses in the future.



- ❖ Brenda Beatty the Senior Development Officer for the SASET program that oversees our funding agreement with Service Canada passed on this message:

“Thank you very much for inviting me to this Grand Opening of the SASET Employment Assistance Resource Centre. It is a real privilege for me to be here and to see this. I was here in August and had a tour through the construction site, so it’s exciting to see it finished. I’ve been blessed to be the managing Senior Development Officer (SDO) for SASET for the past year. Anna jokes about SASET being the training centre for new SDO’s. I can say from personal experience that SASET is very good at training SDO’s. SASET consistently meets or exceeds Service Canada targets and provides strong accountability in both finances and activities. On behalf of Service Canada, I want to say congratulations and also thank you to SASET staff for the excellent work that you do to increase Indigenous people’s participation in the labour market. Although Service Canada didn’t fund this renovation, we are very pleased that SASET and Sto:lo Nation found the resources to create this beautiful site. Clients will continue to receive excellent service and assistance in their search for work. The Government of Canada is committed to Indigenous Labour Market Programs and increasing Indigenous participation in the Labour Market. This new Employment Centre and the work being done by SASET will contribute to many Indigenous Canadians finding work and building long term sustainable careers. It’s a beautiful location and I’m looking forward to visiting it again many times. I’m sure that it will need to be part of future monitors. Congratulations and thank you again for the invitation.”



Brenda Beatty Service
Canada SDO with Chef
Instructor



Employment Resource
Room/Job Board



SASET Program Information

- ❖ The Honourable Mary Ann Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour confirmed that funding for the 2017/18 one year extension is in place for the continuation of the ASET program.
- ❖ In the third quarter SASET served a total of 922 clients (with 4249 interventions) averaging approximately 4.6 appointments per client. Of this number, 177 individuals found employment and 51 returned to school or further training.
- ❖ SASET is set to meet their goals for this fiscal year projecting a slight increase in results from Service Canada set "targeted `results".
- ❖ In the third quarter SASET funded 21 individuals supports in transition to work, 36 individuals in short term training certificate programs and 18 long term training funding supports.
- ❖ From the 75 individuals who received sponsorship, 54 individuals are currently employed and 21 individuals are in school or a training program.
- ❖ SASET sent out the annual call for proposals from communities in the catchment area for the 2017/18 fiscal year. Proposals are reviewed by an established Advisory Committee and SASET will enter into funding agreements with successful proposals for April 1, 2017.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

- ❖ SASET entered into a corporate partnership with Pacific Electrical Installations and EECOL Electric who are wanting to assist Aboriginal Individuals in finding employment and who generously committed to SASET through what is being called "First Nations Capacity Fund" \$2,500.00, to be spent in assistance to clients in December. We are anticipating further funding to come forward in this partnership with SASET in 2017 and are excited to the future opportunities that added resources through these two companies will be providing. Thank you to Pacific Electrical Installations and EECOL Electric, five individuals were provided with training and transition to work supports to find meaningful full-time employment!



- ❖ At our Surrey employment assistance office (ATEC) SASET sponsored the OCWS (Operator Construction Workplace Safety) Program. There were 10 clients registered in the program and all 10 completed and received their certifications. As of last week: 8 clients were working, 2 were still looking for work. Plus 3 of the clients although working now are registered for CSO (Construction Safety Officer) training with Access.



MT. CURRIE/N'QUATQUA AREA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- ❖ The following services were provided: Full time employment services in Lil'wat at the SASET employment resource centre with outreach services to N'Quatqua, Skatin, Samahquam and Xa'xtsa. Employment workshops are held on a rotating basis in all communities that include: What's Your Color, Career Decision Making, Resume writing, Job Search 101, Cover Letter Writing and Introduction to Computers.
- ❖ In November SASET funded a five day JIBC Basic Security Level 1 in N'Quatqua: 2 clients from Xa'xtsa, 3 from N'Quatqua and 2 from Lil'wat First Nation successfully completed the program and have applied for the BST level 1 license from the Ministry of Justice. Since the completion of this program, 5 of the 7 participants have an employment result.
- ❖ In March of 2016 SASET in partnership with Douglas College hosted the Career Development Practitioner Certification Program (CDP) in Lil'wat. Of the 13 that applied and enrolled, 8 individuals successfully completed the program in October of 2016. SASET has been able to employ two of the course graduates at the employment Centre in Lil'wat, the Supervisor and one other employment counselor are past graduates of a CDP program that had been conducted in Chilliwack.
- ❖ The staff in Mt. Currie have been busy working with clients who are interested in receiving their Early Childhood Education Certification which will be offered in Lil'wat in partnership with NVIT commencing January 9, 2017.

SASET CULINARY PROGRAM

- ❖ In September 10 participants registered and commenced the 16-week program at the Chilliwack location, completing the program December 16, 2016.
- ❖ Introduced the program to the Mt. Currie/Pemberton area, leasing commercial kitchen space during seasonal closures at Big Sky Golf Resort. Twelve (12) individuals enrolled in the program that started on November 7, 2016.
- ❖ The third quarter closed with 8 individuals employed, 12 (Mt. Currie Program) still in training and 2 individuals currently seeking employment.



BLADERUNNERS PROGRAM

- ❖ In the third quarter, a Construction Foundation Program was conducted in Chilliwack and in Surrey there were two Construction Programs conducted.
- ❖ To-date, BladeRunners this fiscal year has had 59 participants, there have been 38 individuals employed since completing the BladeRunners program, 3 have pursued further training and the remaining 18 are currently seeking employment and working closely with their employment counsellors.
- ❖ In both Chilliwack (2 groups totaling 22 participants, of which 15 individuals went directly to employment) and Boston Bar (12 participants with 4 immediately entering employment and 3 individuals employment commencing in new year) completed where participants received their First Aid Level 1, Transportation Endorsement, WHIMIS, Chainsaw Certification, Fall Protection and Confined Spaces.





NATIONS CREATIONS

SASET assisted the SSA entrepreneur program by facilitating a week of employability skills to the “Nations Creations” project which included Workplace Essential Skills Assessments, Personality Dimensions (employment team building), conflict resolution, assessing your learning styles, Work Values Assessment, employability risk assessment/workplace attitudes.

OTHER

- ❖ SASET had the privilege of coordinating the Stó:lō Service Agency Christmas Hampers for 2016.
- ❖ During the week of Dec 12 – 16, 2016 SASET Staff filled 154 Christmas Hampers for delivery to families in need that consisted of all the fixings for a Christmas meal, a gift for each family member and Christmas Card with a voucher for a Turkey or Ham.
- ❖ The following Donations of cash and hamper supplies were received:
 - Rhianna Millman, SSA Board Member – donated all the food for a complete Christmas meal for one family
 - Stó:lō Nation Dental Office donated – Oral Hygiene Products to add to several hampers
 - Chances Chilliwack donated \$1,000
 - Stó:lō Community Futures donated \$400, and two flats of bottled drinking water
 - Gordie Klair from Prosafe donated \$1500
 - Ts’elxweyeqw Tribe donated \$2000
 - First Nation Health Authority staff donated gifts, food and \$145 cash
 - Brenda Beatty Service Canada \$10
 - SSA Annual Garage Sale - \$228
 - SSA Golf Tournament fundraising – \$994
 - SSA Comedy Night - \$649
 - SSA Christmas Party fundraising - \$1,903 plus non-perishable food items
 - School District #33 Chilliwack - \$5,000
 - SASET Open House \$173, plus SASET Dept donation \$1000.00
 - Gordon Food Services donated hot chocolate, apple cider mix and individual boxes of cereal



Walmart Shopping Cart Caravan



SASET Santa's Helpers



STO:LŌ RESEARCH & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CENTRE (SSRMC)

TREATY OUTREACH

- ❖ Website: Continued work on renovating the SXTA website
- ❖ SXTA Place Names Tours: October - Upriver (Yale) tour held on October 1st.
- ❖ Meetings/Workshops: Attended the Critical Path Working Group meetings. Attended and assisted with the SXTA workshop held in November.
- ❖ Outreach: Attended various SXTA community sessions, one-on-one and Kitchen Table Gatherings on treaty.
- ❖ SXTA Bi-monthly Newsletter: Completed the October issue.
- ❖ Poster Project: Added a tagline to our two designs for SXTA posters.
- ❖ DVD Project: Completed a new SXTA DVD: "What is the SXTA Treaty?" A Youth Point of View with Bear Image Productions, and launched it on the evening of November 28th here in Bldg 10 for the SXTA members.





EDUCATION & TOURISM

The nominal compliance review has been completed by INAC and the following is our final count for K-12 students:

Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) went from 142.875 to 160.500 and final count adjusted from 144.000 to 160.500. This is the final decision on our appeal and concluded the nominal roll program review for our affiliated communities.

There were 23 Steqo:ye Bookings at elementary school in Chilliwack that included: Chilliwack Ed. Centre, C.H.A.N.C.E School, FG Leary, Little Mountain Elementary, Sardis Elementary, Leadership Conference, Unsworth Elementary, Watson Elementary, and Auresma. At the visits learning topics about Bannock Making, Drumming and Singing, Dancing, Storytelling, Weaving are taught. 29.5 hours were spent in the classroom.

There were 18 Cultural Tours given from October to December. There were 733 Participants that attended a Cultural Tour from various parts of the Fraser Valley.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Hosted the Fall Burning with great attendance at the Mission Site.

Remembrance Day Celebration hosted by the Cultural Committee and Education Cultural Education & Tourism Department was a huge success with over 400 participants. Chief Dave Jimmie welcomed everyone, many Sto:lo Community Chiefs, Councillors and elders amongst the Fraser Valley communities were in attendance.





CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

In 2016, October through December the archaeology/cultural heritage team worked on over 24 heritage overview and impact assessments, mitigations, and cultural monitoring projects. Their work as stewards helped protect and preserve Stó:lō heritage. They continued to 'occupy the field' of heritage resource management within the framework of the Stó:lō Heritage Policy, in the service of the Stó:lō community.

2016 (October – December) Projects:

- ❖ H2013-05 Kinder Morgan TLU-TEK
- ❖ H2015-21 YFN Community Sanitary Sewer Monitoring
- ❖ H2015-45 Chilliwack Mountain AIA
- ❖ H2016-04 Vedder Bridge Monitoring
- ❖ H2016-09 Hatzic Section 12
- ❖ H 2016-19 DgRI-48 monitoring Archie Property Skowkale
- ❖ H2016-23 DiRi-1 231 Water Ave Hope AIA
- ❖ H 2016-24 2461 Bodnar Road, Agassiz Monitoring
- ❖ H2016-25 Kerr Road Development Area Monitoring
- ❖ H 2016-27 Chawathil Forestry Blocks 1-4 CHIA
- ❖ H 2016-28 Fraser River Erosion Arc CHIA
- ❖ H 2016-30 BC Hydro Poles on Skowkale
- ❖ H 2016-31 DiRj-34 Hunter Creek Caves
- ❖ 2015-27 Skawahlook Arch Assessment
- ❖ H 2016-32 8394 McTaggart Street
- ❖ H 2016-33 10699 North Deroche Road CHIA
- ❖ H 2016-34 10401 Cooper Road CHIA
- ❖ H 2016-35 Skawahlook IR#1 and Ruby Creek IR#2 PFR
- ❖ 2015-33 McTaggart St Subdivision AIA and Monitoring
- ❖ H 2016-36 46114 Archie Meadows Rd Monitoring
- ❖ H 2016-38 Chawathil Forestry Blocks 5,6,10 CHIA
- ❖ H 2016-42 Chilliwack Lake Park AIA
- ❖ H 2016-43 DiRi-1 231 Water Ave Hope SAP
- ❖ H 2016-45 Soowahlie Chilliwack Lake Road AIA
- ❖ 2015-46 McKenzie Road Quarry (602069)
- ❖ H 2016-46 Cultus Lake Maple Bay AIA
- ❖ H 2016-51 Block B20 Chilliwack River Valley





Additional Archaeology activities

- ❖ Archaeological/cultural monitoring and investigations by Stó:lō archaeological assistants with outside consultants
- ❖ Repository- cataloging, accessioning, upload to RRN, donation and loans
- ❖ Hiring of a third archaeologist
- ❖ 136 Stó:lō Heritage Investigation Permits were issued.
- ❖ 136 Stó:lō Archaeology projects to date which provided a substantial increase in number of projects.



PEOPLE OF THE RIVER

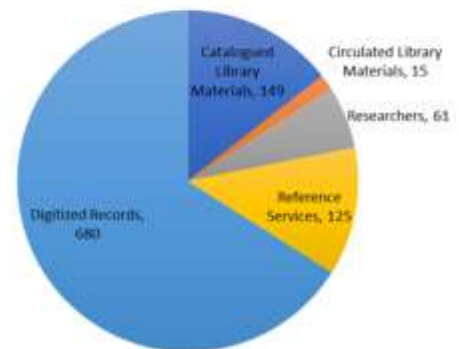
- ❖ 3rd quarter report – April 2016 – December 2016
- ❖ People of the River Referrals Office
- ❖ Total Referrals 467
- ❖ Working Days 185
- ❖ Referrals Submitted per Working Day 2.52
- ❖ Primary Response Timelines Met 82% (target >80%)
- ❖ Final Response Timelines Met 86% (target >80%)
- ❖ Timelines Modified by PRRO 8% (target <10%)
- ❖ PRRO hosted Annual Stó:lō SEA Executive G2G Gathering on Monday Nov 28, 2016 with S'olh Temexw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) Leadership, Minister John Rustad (MARR) and local MLA's.



LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

- ❖ Progress on digitization of 1996/97 Stó:lō Traditional Use Study files;
- ❖ Aurasama Project with Stó:lō Education staff, Stó:lō archaeologists, teacher/librarian Chris Hunt from Sardis Elementary School and 59 grade 3 students from Sardis Elementary;
- ❖ Soup Day Fundraisers (with other SRRMC staff) to help fund the Stó:lō Christmas Hampers;
- ❖ Fraser Valley Regional Library reference staff requested and received an orientation to our library and archives;
- ❖ Provided orientation to our library and archives for Wenona Victor's UFV classes.
- ❖ Ongoing:
 - ❖ Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribes book nearing completion;
 - ❖ Digitizing archival records and oral histories to ensure preservation and access;
 - ❖ Supporting the House of Respect Caretaking Committee;
 - ❖ SXTA Treaty Negotiation support;
 - ❖ Providing reference services to staff, students and others;
 - ❖ Cataloging library materials;
 - ❖ Maintaining PastPerfect database.
- ❖ Received photograph collections from 2 community members.
- ❖ Assisted with: Sq'éwlets Virtual Museum of Canada Project; Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribes Book Project; House of Respect Caretaking Committee; Being Ts'elxwéyeqw ; Supporting the Sumas Traditional Use and Occupancy Study; Education Department programs.
- ❖ Liaison with Chilliwack Museum and Archives.

Library Statistics 2016-17 3rd Q





GENEALOGY

- ❖ 126 requests for family tree research
- ❖ 96 printed charts
- ❖ Added 111 names to the database
- ❖ Added 40 marriages to the database

FISHERIES

- ❖ Liaison with DFO and other First Nation Fishery organizations in Lower Fraser area on a continual basis.
- ❖ Communication and Information distribution of upcoming Fishery meeting notices on harvest and conservation measures.
- ❖ Secured additional funding for 2016/17 to implement Dry Rack Research Project
- ❖ Provided support and guidance for the Mid-term DFO reports as per the agreement (narrative and financial)
- ❖ Provided advice to DFO on Eulachon, sturgeon and the modernization of the Fisheries Act.
- ❖ Communications: Liaise with Stó:lō Nation communities and other First Nations communities on and collaborate opportunities.
- ❖ Participated and advance outcomes in Tier 3 processes including the Salmon Table and Peacemakers gathering.
- ❖ Collaborated with existing AAROM organizations and processes including FRAFS's FORUM and ONA Fisheries Commission
- ❖ Informed the SN fishers the status of the new LFFA organization and how it will function
- ❖ Supported several Fraser processes such as Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat, Fraser and Approach Area FORUM, and Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance Assembly meetings to prepare for harvest and conservation measures for 2017 salmon runs.

CANADA 150 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

- ❖ Shxwt'a:selhawtxw ("House of Long Ago and Today") Interpretive Centre – completed interior renovation: created open and flexible teaching spaces, added display cabinets, and added new technology (projectors, interactive display, computers, audio system); upgraded security features/access.
- ❖ Longhouse kitchen facilities – completed interior renovation: new kitchen appliances, flooring, and improved kitchen layout; upgraded security features/access.
- ❖ Ethnobotanical garden – completed removal of cottonwood and other large trees, began berm expansion and redevelopment for an improved layout and new plants to be added in Spring.



STO:LO TOURISM AND GIFTSHOP

- ❖ From October to December there was continued growth in repeat customers and new customer purchases. Third quarter sales increased overall. General knowledge and awareness of the Gift Shop as a unique, cultural and quality artisan community business is steadily improving.
- ❖ Over this time frame there has been a larger focus on purchasing hand made products and have increased the ratio by over 50% of handmade products from this time last year. These items on occasion end up at retail level costing more but have found that the consumer is looking for these authentic cultural and handmade products.
- ❖ Aboriginal Tourism implements a program called Authentic Indigenous and it a focus with the gift shop that we carry products that meet the requirements of this authenticity program.
- ❖ We've been maintaining and growing our gift shop and tourism Facebook pages. Offering a monthly basket draw with a like and share feature. This is always successful and we have over 2300 followers. We will be exploring utilizing the boost feature and hope to double this number by the end of the fiscal year. Facebook is increasingly important in direct to market reach.



STÓ:LŌ SERVICE AGENCY

VISION

A healthier, stronger, brighter future for all communities.

MISSION

We empower, support and contribute to the health and well-being of all people by providing leadership and delivering a broad range of quality services.

VALUES

We strive to act in accordance with our seven core values at all times.

HONESTY	We communicate internally and externally with clarity, honesty and openness.
ACCOUNTABILITY	We accept responsibility for our decisions and actions and answer to our partners in an open and transparent way.
PRIDE	We feel and demonstrate pride in our actions and accomplishments.
PROFESSIONALISM	We act professionally as an outward reflection of our internal values.
INTEGRITY	We do our best work, hold ourselves to the highest standards of conduct and act in the interest of our communities and partners.
EMPATHY	We work to understand and relate to the feelings, experiences and situations of others and are non-judgemental.
RESPECT	We respect others' ideas, experiences and ways of thinking and treat all people as equals.

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